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1-17 (canceled).

18. (previously presented) A system for communicating between at least first and second components in a home network, comprising:

means for establishing a wired communication path between the components;

means for establishing a wireless communication path between the components;

means for communicating data over a component-preferred path when a component-preferred path is indicated, the component-preferred path being selected from the wired and wireless communication paths;

means for, when no component-preferred path is indicated, communicating data over at least one of the paths based on at least one of: a bandwidth capability, an occupancy ratio.

19. (original) The system of Claim 18, wherein a respective address is associated with each path.

20. (original) The system of Claim 19, wherein the addresses are IP addresses.

21. (original) The system of Claim 18, wherein at least one component is selected from the group of components consisting of: televisions, and portable computers.

22. (original) The system of Claim 21, wherein the component is a TV.

23. (previously presented) The system of Claim 18, wherein at least one of: a server, a component, determines which path to use for communication based at least in part on a component preference.

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24. (previously presented) The system of Claim 18, wherein at least one of: a server, a component, determines which path to use for communication based at least in part on a bandwidth capability.

25. (previously presented) The system of Claim 18, wherein at least one of: a server, a component, determines which path to use for communication based at least in part on an occupancy ratio.